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1. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the International application and necessary to the claimed invention, the International search was carried out on the basis of:
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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 C07K14/315

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 C07K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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